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Commemorating D-Day

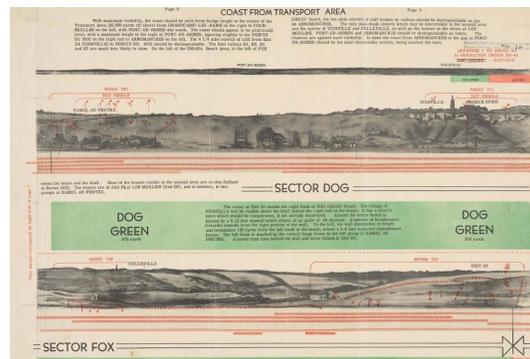
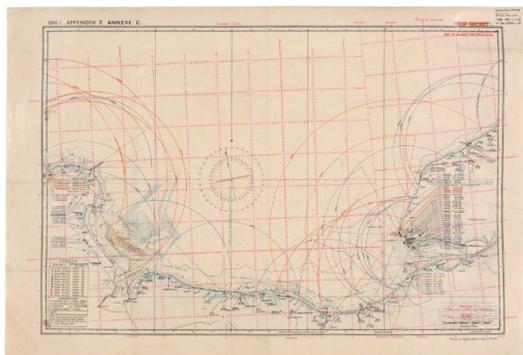
Last week the National Archives commemorated the 74th anniversary of D-Day and the Normandy Invasion. On June 6, 1944, Allied troops in World War II began their invasion of Normandy, which was part of the larger Operation Overlord. Now known as D-Day, it was the culmination of the Allied powers' strategy for the war and a multinational effort.

The National Archives has many records related to D-Day and its surrounding events. Today we bring you records documenting the preparation and invasion, as well as charts, radar images and drawings related to the D-Day invasion.

Click on each image to see a larger, zoomable version in our Catalog.



Photograph of General Dwight D. Eisenhower Giving the Order of the Day, 6/6/1944



(Left) Chart of D-Day Beaches, 4/14/1944 - This is a hydrographic chart of the Normandy coast with an overprint indicating the beach sectors chosen for the pending amphibious assault.

(Right) Panoramic Sketch of the D-Day Beaches, 5/14/1944 - This is a panoramic drawing of the D-Day beaches, Sector Dog Green and Sector Fox Green.

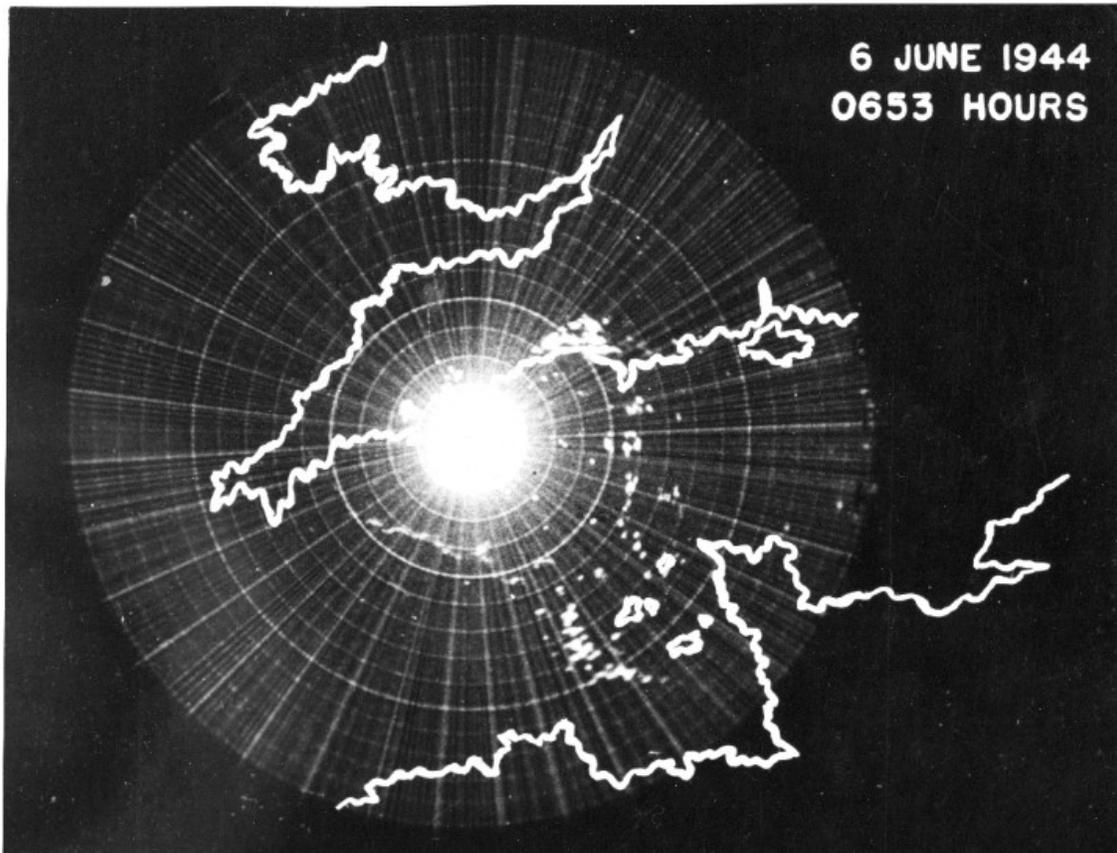


(Left) Photograph of Jeeps Being Driven into the Open Doors of a LCT in Preparation for the Normandy Invasion, 6/1944

(Right) Photograph of Roll Call before D-Day Assault, 6/1944 - This is the last roll call for the men before they board landing craft for the big assault on the European continent.



Photograph of Paratroopers just before They Took off for the Initial Assault of D-Day



Radar Image of D-Day Invasion, English Channel - 6 June 1944, 0653 Hours; Invasion - English Channel

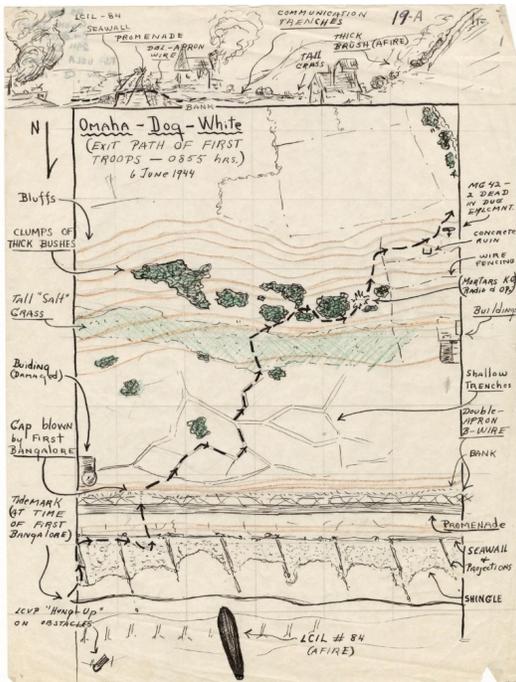


(Left) Photograph of Soldiers Crouching Behind the Bulwarks of a Coast Guard Landing Barge - These Coast Guard barges rode back and forth through D-Day bringing waves of reinforcements to the beachhead.

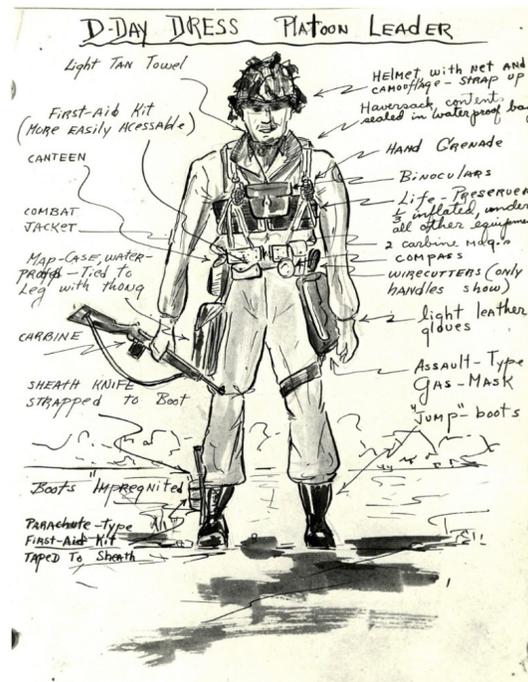
(Right) Photograph of American Reinforcements Piling from a Coast Guard Landing Barge into the Surf on the French Coast Soldiers Crossing the English Channel aboard a Coast Guard "Elsie" (LCI) - Hardened for battle, they are going in to reinforce and replace the fighting units that secured the Norman beachhead and spread north toward Cherbourg.



Photograph of Men and Assault Vehicles Storming the Beaches of Normandy, 6/6/1944 - As wave after wave of landing craft unload their cargo, men move inland and vehicles surge up the roads. Note the men swarming over the beaches.



(Left) Sketch of Omaha-Dog-White, Exit Path of First Troops, 0855 Hours, 6/6/1944



(Right) Drawing of the D-Day Dress, Platoon Leader, 6/1944



Photograph of American Medics Rendering First Aid to Troops in the Initial Landing on Utah Beach, 6/6/1944 - In the background other members of the landing parties dig into the soft sand of the beach. Les Dunes de Madeleine, Northern Coast, France.

More D-Day Resources:

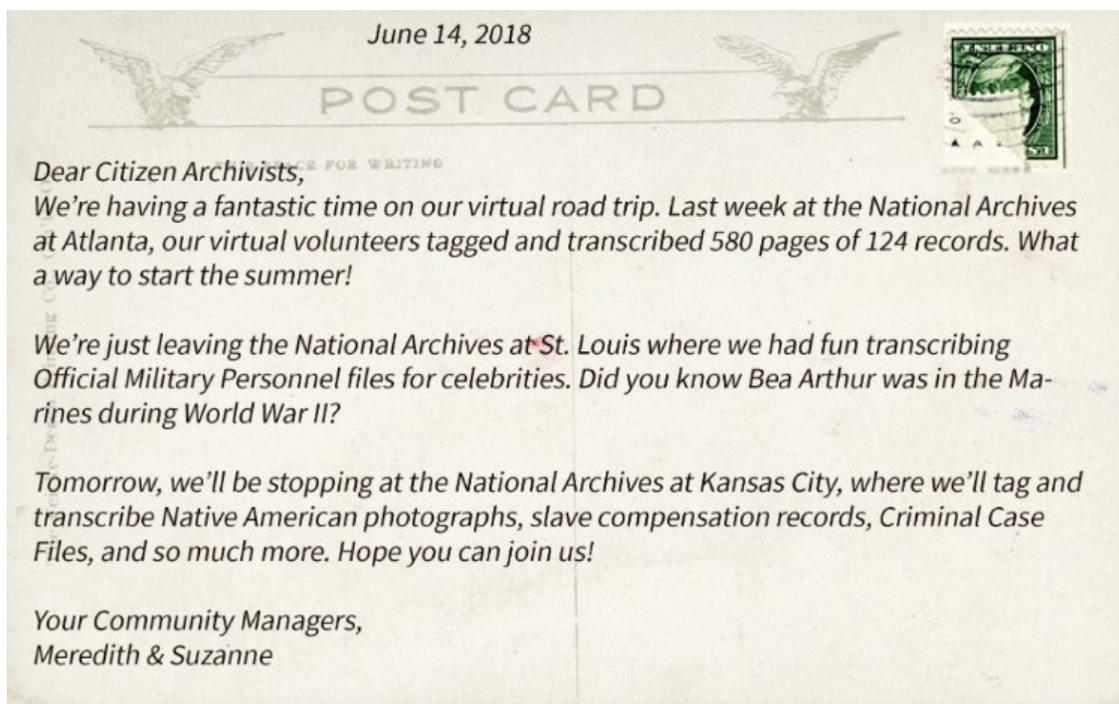
- View more D-Day images in the [immersive D-Day exhibit from the National Archives on the Google Cultural Institute](#).
 - Learn more about [records at the National Archives related to D-Day](#).
 - Discover a [Newsreel Cameraman's View of D-Day](#).
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Happy Father's Day!

From Founding Fathers to First Dads, the [National Archives Catalog](#) celebrates the many role models, mentors, and father figures throughout history.



Citizen Archivist Road Trip Update!



Thanks to all our Citizen Archivists who have joined us for our Road Trip! Visit our [Missions](#)

page tomorrow as we make a stop in [Kansas City](#). You can help us tag and transcribe Leavenworth Inmate Case Files, Naturalization Records, Bankruptcy Records, and much more!

Get Started Tagging and Transcribing!

Vietnam-Era US Coast Guard Records Wikipedia Editing Workshop

Join us at the [National Archives Innovation Hub](#) for a Vietnam-Era US Coast Guard Records Editing Workshop! The event will take place on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM EDT.



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Attendees will learn to edit Wikipedia and use [recently scanned Coast Guard records](#) to update related Wikipedia articles. Experienced Wikipedians will be on hand to provide training and guidance. This event is free and open to the public. Registration is required.

Lunch will be provided. Learn more and [register here](#). We hope to see you on June 27th in the Innovation Hub!

Congratulations to the Washington Capitals!

On June 12th, the National Archives was rocking the red as we shared our front steps with hundreds of Washington Capitals fans as the Stanley Cup rolled by on Constitution Avenue.



The National Archives Building was a beautiful backdrop for the Washington Capitals parade! Photo by National Archives photographer Jeffrey Reed.

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